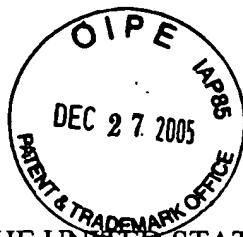


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
OSAMU YAMADA ET AL.) : Examiner: Brian Q. Le
Application No.: 09/420,772) : Art Unit: 2623
Filed: October 19, 1999) :
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND) :
METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM : December 21, 2005

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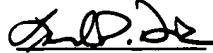
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